BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 97-483-G - ORDER NO. 1999-710

OCTOBER 6, 1999

| | Application of Piedmont Natural Gas Company for Authority to Abandon Service to BASF Corporation and to Offer Future Service upon Negotiated, Non-Regulated Prices. |) | ORDER GRANTING ARE WITHDRAWAL AND CLOSING DOCKET |
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of Piedmont Natural Gas Company (Piedmont or the Company) to withdraw its request to abandon service or to offer service at non-regulated prices to BASF Corporation.

Piedmont states that it has negotiated with BASF Corporation, and has reached agreement on service terms for the near future. In light of this agreement, according to Piedmont, there is no present need for the Commission to reach a decision on Piedmont's Application in this Docket, and Piedmont requests leave to withdraw its Application.

We grant the request to withdraw, and hold that this Docket shall be closed.